

Meeting Date: Wednesday March 16, 2022

Meeting Start time: 7:15 pm

Shari Gonsorcik, Recreation Director present

Board Members Present: Jo-Ann Cummings, Chair; Heidi Grady, Co-Chair; Bonnie Pulda, Secretary; Glen Donaldson; Mark Hryniewicz

Absent: Andy Parker and Diedre Shapiro

Guests: Dick Maki

AGENDA

Call to Order by Jo-Ann Cummings-Open Meeting

1. Acceptance of the minutes from February 22, 2022
 - Motion to accept made by Jo-Ann Cummings
 - 2nd made by Bonnie Pulda

Acceptance of minutes from February 2, 2022

- Motion made to accept by Heidi Grady
- 2nd by Jo-Ann Cummings

Shari Gonsorcik made an addition to the meeting minutes

2. Financial Report

We need to purchase indoor/outdoor basketballs for summer and winter and Shari informed the board that they increased in price by \$4.00

- Motion to accept the financial report made by Jo-Ann Cummings
- 2nd by Heidi Grady
- All in favor-yes by all board members

3. Recreation Director updates

- Race discussed that is scheduled for April 9th
- We have 70 participants already signed up but doesn't cover the cost yet which is why Shari wanted us to discuss whether we should have the race or not.
- We all wanted to continue having the road race scheduled for April 9th and thought of different ways Shari can market it and spread the word in Sterling using different methods and hope to make cost.

4. Summer Programming

- Discussed Summer Camp at Lake Waushacum
- Bus company has a 10% increase d/t gas prices and inflation
- Summer safari is increasing in price to \$340.00 from \$310.00 and we discussed the venue's thus far.
- New yoga instructor- Judy Potter
- yoga on the beach June-Aug with Beth Braley
- Need to buy volleyball nets 2 for outdoor/indoor
- Senior center and Library asking to work collaboratively with Recreation to offer similar programs so that all townspeople can sign up for the different programs who would have to be placed on a waiting list.
- DPW states we need 6-7 new picnic tables
 - Discussion on whether we buy new tables or fix the old tables
 - Door at Babe Ruth field needs repair before April 13th

5. Basketball Review

- Discussed prolonging high school basketball program on Mondays until April Vacation the week of 4/17
- Discussion about how basketball went this year in the different divisions and if we need to make any changes
 - Division 2&3- we found it difficult to find coaches to volunteer
 - Division 4&5- similar problem having coaches volunteer, the need to have referee's after January
 - We will discuss again in August meeting

6. Field Care

Major league wants a camera to record games and is asking for outlets placed on the AAA field which is town property and has asked Shari how to have this done. Shari will ask Jay LaBrack to email Karma Jane and Board of Selectman to approve an outlet for Gibbs.

7. 1835 Town Hall

Rediscovering fees

8. New Members

In order to ask for new volunteer members, the old members who no longer come will need to officially resign because otherwise they are automatically re-instated.

9. Five Year Plan

- New raft for the beach
- Shed door at the Babe Ruth field needs to be fixed
- Dick Maki, our guest, offered a suggestion to take a field and ask to use the town's capital fund to refurbish it. We have never done it and we thought it was a great suggestion. We would need to bring it up at the next town meeting

10. Program brainstorming

- Scavenger hunt
- Clearview Farm hayride to do apple picking from center of town
- Spring rugby
- Kayaking and paddleboarding (all day rental) for townspeople to rent at beach

Next Meeting will be April 13th @ 7pm